

I am filing these comments with the FCC in regard to MB Docket No. 11-169, In the Matter of Basic Service Tier Encryption.

Free Devices

I would like to propose some changes to the language regarding the free availability of decryption devices.

First, I believe that any subscriber whose subscription INCLUDES basic tier channels should receive free decryption devices. As a consumer who pays for services above and beyond the basic tier, why should I be penalized and have to pay for decryption devices for additional TV sets in my house that currently receive basic-tier channels with the TV's internal tuner?

Second, I believe that any subscriber who is entitled to a free decryption device should be able to choose a CableCARD instead of a cable box. The verbiage should also include not just CableCARD, but also whatever new technology replaces CableCARD in the future.

Third, I believe that the time limit that the cable company will be required to provide free decryption devices should not be limited to a specific number of years. The cable company should be required to provide the free decryption devices indefinitely, until some new technology comes along that allows a TV set to decrypt the basic-tier content without a separate decryption device.

Copy-protection of encrypted channels

Currently, a consumer has the ability to record basic-tier channels and to view the recording on any device (DVD player, VCR, DVR, etc). A consumer who receives OTA broadcasts can also do this. I propose that the encrypted, basic-tier channels should be coded as "Copy-Freely" so that a consumer will still be able to view that content on any device.

Thank you to the FCC for considering my comments on MB Docket No. 11-169, In the Matter of Basic Service Tier Encryption.

Sincerely,

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